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APPARATUS USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.